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The Hon. Commissioner of Patents And Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 5, 2002.

In the Description

Replace page 1 by the enclosed amended page 1.

In the Claims

15.4.

Delete claims 2 to 13 from the application.

Replace claim 15 on file by the following amended claim 15.

(Amended) A method of treatment of a disease or a condition selected from the group consisting of hypercholesterolemic atherosclerosis and diabetes type I or type II, which comprises administering to a patient an effective amount of a secoisolariciresinol diglucoside (SDG) metabolite selected from the group consisting of secoisolariciresinol (SECO) enterodiol (ED) and enterolactone (EL).

Please add to the application the following new claims 17 and 18.

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